

Senate Resolution 1172

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Thompson of the 5th and Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create an exception to the prohibition of pari-mutuel betting; to provide that the General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the creation of enterprise zones where pari-mutuel betting shall be permitted; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as herein specifically provided in this Paragraph VIII, all lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets, and all forms of ~~pari-mutuel betting~~ and casino gambling are hereby prohibited; and this prohibition shall be enforced by penal laws."

SECTION 2.

Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the creation of enterprise zones by counties or municipalities, or both. ~~Such~~ Any such general law may provide for:

(A) Exemptions ~~exemptions~~, credits, or reductions of any tax or taxes levied within such zones by the state, a county, a municipality, or any combination thereof. Such exemptions shall be available only to such persons, firms, or corporations which create job opportunities within the enterprise zone for unemployed; and low; and moderate income persons in accordance with the standards set forth in such general law. Such general law shall further define enterprise zones so as to limit such tax exemptions, credits, or reductions to persons and geographic areas which are determined to be

underdeveloped as evidenced by the unemployment rate and the average personal income in the area when compared to the remainder of the state; or

(B) Enterprise zones where pari-mutuel betting shall be authorized.

(2) The General Assembly may by general law further define areas qualified for creation of enterprise zones and may provide for all matters relative to the creation, approval, and termination of such zones."

SECTION 3.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create an exception to the constitutional prohibition against pari-mutuel betting and authorize () NO the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation of enterprise zones where para-mutuel betting shall be permitted?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.